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REMARKS

As the Examiner will note, Formula 4 has been amended throughout the

application from the chemical expression R₃Si(X₅X₆X₇)₃ to the chemical

expression R₃SiX₅X₆X₇. Since silicon has a valence of 4, it is readily apparent to

one skilled in the art that Formula 4 is chemically incorrect and should be

corrected to the new Formula 4. It is believed that this amendment to Formula

4 does not raise the issue of new matter, because the inadvertency is obvious

to one skilled in the art.

Accordingly entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully

requested.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the

present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr.

Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the

undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution

in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent,

and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit

Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or

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1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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